Prices of edible oils

1977. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 601, 605 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th February, 2006 and state:

(a) whether there has been rapid increase in the prices of edible oils;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial measures taken by Government to meet this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) There has been no appreciable increase in the prices of edible oils in the last one month.

(c) The remedial measures taken in this regard include:

(i) Import of edible oils (except coconut oil) has been allowed under Open General License (OGL);

(ii) The import duty structure of edible oils is reviewed from time to time;

(iii) The prices and availability of edible oils are regularly monitored.

Protest against wheat import

1978. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received protests from the farmers organizations against the proposed import of five lakh tones of wheat;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the cost involved in the import of wheat in terms of Indian currency; and

(c) what is Government's reaction in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No formal protest from the farmers organisations against this has been received by Government. However, media has carried some favourable/unfavourable report on the proposed import of wheat.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above. The total cost involved in the proposed import of 5.00 lakh MTs of wheat is Rs. 400 crores (approximately).

(c) As the Government is not to compromise in the matter of food security, it has been decided to augment the domestic availability of wheat through import.

Use of prefix "National Institute* by Private Institutes

1979. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of private management and engineering institutes bear the prefix "National Institute" or "Indian Institutes" making the gullible public believe that such institutes enjoy Government participation or patronage;

(b) whether such practice is a clear violation of the provisions of the Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1982; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken against such institutes and stop this practice which is otherwise dilating the credibility of internationally reputed Government managed IITs and IIMs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) It has been brought to the notice of the Government that certain institutions are prefixing the word Indian and National which is not permitted in terms of Section 3 of the Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950.

(b) The use of prefix such as "National Institute" or "Indian Institute"